

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 17, 26, 28, 29 are amended for clarity, and claim 32 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and/or (3) place the application in better form for an appeal should an appeal be necessary. More specifically, the above amendments to claims 2, 3, 17 and 26 are based on the comments first presented in the Final Office Action. Further, the amendments to claims 1, 28 and 29 are merely to correct typographical errors and/or for clarity. Entry is therefore proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-31 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action objects to claims 2, 3, 17, 19, 26 and 30 because of informalities. Each of claims 2, 3, 17, and 26 are amended as suggested in the Office Action. Claim 19 has not been amended since claim 19 depends from claim 17, which includes the amendments suggested in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-31 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, David C. Oren, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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